

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Ohtsuki in view of Richardson and over Ohtsuki in view of Richardson and DiGiovanni is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments.

Ohtsuki teaches a light exposure system designed to provide a light source for exposing a substrate through a mask. The power of the light source is low compared to the 300-500 kW power attained by the invention. Moreover, the fibers of Ohtsuki are the same diameters, and at the low powers of Ohtsuki, there is no reason to provide fibers of increasing diameter, as in the claimed invention.

Richardson's system does not provide the parallel channels of applicant's claimed system, and his system is not amenable to modification to provide the multiple parallel channels as in applicant's invention.

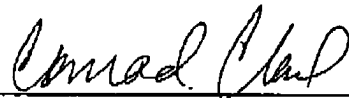
DiGiovanni's teaching of tapered fibers does not fill any of the deficiencies mentioned above.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding.

All necessary extensions of time are requested. Please charge any fee deficiency to deposit account 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,

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